

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A water collecting structure comprising:

a guide member including a water channeling surface inclined at a greater angle than that of a water-flow slope of a water-flow surface; [[and]]

a plurality of flow straightening plates extended along a flow direction of the guide member and juxtaposed in a direction orthogonal to the flow direction; and

a cross member disposed downstream from the guide member via a catch passage opened downwardly, having an upper end surface at a higher level than that of the downstream portion of the guide member, and extended in a crosswise direction orthogonal to the flow direction,

wherein the cross member is located so as to allow flowing water to push a waste material such as fallen leaves to the downstream side, even in a case where the flowing water contains such waste material, and thereby maintaining the catch passage in an open state;

wherein the flow straightening plate includes a planar or curved lateral side which cooperates with the water channeling surface to define a substantially rectangular small channel and which stands vertically to the water channeling surface or inclined relative to the water channeling surface to widen the small channel toward top.

Claim 2. (Original): A water collecting structure according to Claim 1, wherein an upper end surface of the flow straightening plate is flush with the water-flow surface.

Claim 3. (Original): A water collecting structure according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein an upper end surface of the flow straightening plate is formed with an antislip tread.

Claim 4. (Previously presented): A road drainage structure comprising: a grating frame embedded in road in a manner that an upper end surface thereof is flush with a water-flow surface; and a grating cover fitted in the grating frame in a manner to be flush with the water-flow surface,

wherein the water collecting structure according to any one of Claim 1 or 2 , is disposed on an upstream side of the grating cover.